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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH MOBUTU ABOUT ANGOLA TALKS, SECRETARY'S  
SPEECH, AND PUBLICITY GIVEN WESTERN DEMARCHES

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1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT STATE REFTELS, I TELEPHONED MOBUTU MORNING JUNE 21 TO ALERT HIM TO IMPENDING TALKS IN LUANDA INVOLVING US REPS AND TO GIVE GIST OF MATTERS THAT WOULD BE DISCUSSED. MOBUTU SAID HE HAD LEARNED THIS ALREADY FROM FOREIGN (UNSPECIFIED) RADIO BROADCASTS. I SAID I HOPED TALKS WOULD PROVE HELPFUL TO ZAIRE FROM STANDPOINT OF EASING THE THREAT TO ZAIRE'S SECURITY FROM ACROSS THE ANGOLAN BORDER.
2. I ALSO MENTIONED SECRETARY VANCE'S JUNE 20 SPEECH ON AFRICA. MOBUTU SAID HE HAD ALSO HEARD ABOUT THAT, NOTING WITH EVIDENT DISPLEASURE THE SECRETARY'S REFERENCES TO ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORMS AS NECESSARY FOR CONTINUED US ASSISTANCE. I REPLIED I WAS SURE THE PRESIDENT WOULD VIEW THE SPEECH AS CONSTRUCTIVE, WHEN HE READ THE ENTIRE TEXT, WHICH I SAID I WOULD SEND TO HIM.
3. MOBUT THEN AGAIN COMPLAINED ABOUT ALL THE PUBLICITY BEING  
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GIVEN TO THE WESTERN DEMARCHES, PLACING CONDITIONS ON ASSISTANCE, ETC. HE REFERED AGAIN TO THE VOICE OF GERMANY REPORT HE HAD MENTIONED TO ME THE DAY BEFORE, SAYING THAT HE HAD DISCOVERED IT HAD ORIGINATED WITH REUTERS IN KINSHASA AND IMPLYING THAT THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE WAS RESPONSIBLE. I AGAIN EXPRESSED MY REGRET THAT THERE WAS SO MUCH PUBLIC TALK CONCERNING WHAT HAD BEEN INTENDED AS CONFIDENTIAL DIPLOMATIC

EXCHANGES, AND ASSURED MOBUTU THAT THE US HAD MADE EVERY EFFORT TO HANDLE THE MATTER DISCREETLY. I ALSO REMINDED MOBUTU THAT THE SOURCES TO WHICH THE PRESS SOMETIMES ATTRIBUTED ITS INFORMATION WERE NOT ALWAYS THE REAL OR ONLY ONES.

4. COMMENT: MOBUTU, HAVING ONLY RECENTLY PUBLICLY DECLARED HE WOULD VIEW ANY CONDITIONS PLACED ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AS UNACCEPTABLE INTERFERENCE IN ZAIRE'S SOVEREIGN AFFAIRS, IS OBVIOUSLY IN AN UNHAPPY MOOD. HIS SPEECH SCHEDULED TODAY AT THE MPR SEMINAR FOR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS -- BILLED BY THE PRESS AS A MAJOR POLICY ADDRESS -- MAY PROVIDE A BETTER VIEW OF HOW MOBUTU INTENDS TO REACT.  
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